PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the Application of

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to the outstanding Official Action in the above-identified patent application. The shortened statutory period having expired March 12, 2008, an extension of time for a period of 2 months is hereby requested.

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